

Welcome to Our Celebration of Worship

To all who live joyfully and long to share their excitement ... to all who mourn and need comfort ... to all who are weary and need rest ... to all who are homeless and desire sheltering love ... to all who pray or are in need of prayer ... to all who sin and need a Savior ... to all who recognize Christ in their midst and hunger to share God's love with all the world ... Old First Presbyterian Church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says ... WELCOME!

** Those who are able, please stand in body or spirit.
The congregation is invited to join in speaking or singing **items in bold.***

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

Prelude *Meditation from Thais* J. Massenet
Sierra Healy, Violin

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Opening Prayer

Introit *Prayer for Mothers* D. Butler
Soloists: Lyla Means, Sarah Thatcher, Alyssa Gonzalez, Jake Amend

Call to Worship — *from Psalm 98*

Leader: Sing a new song unto the Lord! For he has done amazing and wonderful things; achieving victory for all God's people.

People: The Lord has made his salvation widely known; revealing his righteousness to all nations everywhere.

Leader: God has remembered his loyal love and faithfulness; all people have seen his salvation and rejoiced.

People: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Be happy! Rejoice! Sing praises to our God!

Leader: Let the rivers clap and the mountains rejoice in the presence of the Lord, our God.

People: For God will establish justice in the world and righteousness among all of God's people.

Leader: Confident in the eternal promises of the Lord, our God; let us lift our hearts and voices in joyful praise and worship!

*Hymn 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, forgive us for being so focused on our own experiences in life that we do not even try to understand the depth of the struggle that others around the world have known in theirs. Open our eyes to see something of what they have seen, our ears to hear something of what they have heard, and our hearts to feel something of what they have felt. By the miracle of your freely given grace, help us understand the ways of your redemptive love in such a world as this and draw us once more into the eternal embrace of your love.

Loving God, yours is the justice that calls power to account, yours is the love that calls sinners to repent, and yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us eternal life. Lead us in the truth of your Son, Jesus, our Christ, and set us free to rejoice with all our heart, mind, body, and soul over the mystery of faith you have revealed. Lead us once more to the cross of our Christ; that we may open our hearts and receive its power of forgiveness, freedom, and renewal. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Lord and Savior ...

(Please continue in silent prayer of confession and intercession.)

Together, let all of God's people say ... **amen.**

Hymn 551 (Kyrie Eleison) *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God acts with justice and mercy.

In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

**All: God forgives us, frees us, and gives us peace.
To God we are ever thankful. Amen.**

*Response of Praise (Hymn 240) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*
(We will sing the refrain, verse 2, and the refrain once more.)

*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Acts 3:12-20 New Testament, p. 120 / P. 146

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *My Mother's Love* T. Shelton
Kids and Youth Choirs and Adult Women

Time with Our Young Disciples

Preschool through 6th grade children are invited to come to the front pews.

Congregational Invitation (*sung twice*)

**This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.**

Church school is available for children preschool through 8th grade.

Second Lesson Luke 24:36-49 New Testament, p. 91 / P. 110

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Message **"K.I.S.S."**

*Hymn 234 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

* Affirmation of Faith — *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering of Our Time and Talent

Invitation to Receive our Tithes & Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *The Lord Hath Done It* H. Beebe
Sanctuary Choir

*Congregational Response (Hymn 606) *Doxology*

*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

The congregation is invited to share our prayer requests with one another.

*If you would like to share a prayer request, please raise your hand
and the Pastor will invite you to share your need for prayer.*

Litany for Women (*see insert*) and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is
the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Hymn 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Benediction *Sung to the tune of "Edelweiss"*
**Come, O Lord, be with us. Fill us with joy and thanksgiving.
May our hearts, flow with peace. Come with your love and surround us.
Friendship and love, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.
Bless us now. Bless our friends. Bless all people forever.**

*Postlude *Trumpet Tune* M.A. Charpentier

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory and honor of God by the Old
First Church Deacons in celebration of the ministry of our church family!*

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew Means, Pastor
Jodie Polak, Lector
Ken Friese, Director of Music
Diane Starost, Director of Youth Music
Dan Degnan, Usher Captain

Thank you for choosing to worship with us and be part of our family of faith!

*If you are a first-time guest or returning visitor, please allow us to extend a
special welcome and invitation to join us in the Parish Hall following worship
for light refreshments and a chance to learn more about Old First.*

*Please use this opportunity to be greeted by our members and introduced to
our Pastor, Matthew Means, as we share the joys of being together.*

Acts 3:12-19

New Testament, p. 120 / P. 146

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is

through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰ so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 24:36-49

New Testament, p. 91 / P. 110

³⁶ Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

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